



APRIL 2003

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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Throughout the month of April, U.S. military bases at home and abroad will coordinate a variety of events to honor a very special group of young people - our military children. There are more than 1 million of them, scattered around the globe. They move from place to place, say goodbye often, but they never stray far from our hearts. They face special challenges, moving every few years and making new friends. But it's these challenges that make them special. They experience different cultures and understand diversity better than most. It's part of their education, and they benefit from it. Tomorrow's heroes are today's heroes at The Center.



April is CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Month

The Fleet and family Support Center sponsors events and programs year-round to promote healthy military families and protect our children from abuse and neglect. The Center's child abuse prevention efforts focus on victim safety, protection and rehabilitation. The Center's Family Advocacy program provides education, counseling, and resources for victims and offenders. Whether military or civilian, the prevention of child abuse is the responsibility of everyone. What can you do to help? Support local awareness events at The Center or elsewhere on base in April, which is Child Abuse Prevention Month. And if you see child abuse or neglect, report it. It's your duty. They're our future.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT : STATISTICS

Some statistics from the year 2000, released by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services...

Protective service agencies receive about 3 million reports of child abuse each year. In the United States – an average of one every 10 seconds. For every 1,000 children in the U.S. , 12 are victims if child abuse.

ANNUAL RETIRED ACTIVITIES SEMINAR

The Fleet and Family Support Center will host the Annual Retired Activities Seminar on 12 April 2003. This year's seminar will be held at the Naval Support Activity Mid-South Conference Center from 0900 – 1230.

There will be guest speakers from:

TRICARE for Life
TRICARE for Under 65
TRICARE Retiree Dental
Retired Activities Office

Information tables will be available from:

Retired Activities Office
Health Benefits Office
Navy Exchange
Navy Inns
Burial Detail
And many more.

Join us this year and receive the latest information concerning military retirees.

NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY!

The following classes are presented by the Fleet and Family Support Center for the month of April.

Creating Balance in Your Life

08 April 2003

11:00 – 12:00

For many of us, time is a precious commodity. If every day is filled with family, friends, chores, errands and more, you may feel like you just don't have a second to spare. The key is figuring out how to regain control of your life and your time. Attend the Creating Balance In Your Life workshop and get some tips on how to do just that. Fleet and Family Support Center classes are free; however, registration is necessary. Call 874-5077 or 874-5330 to register.

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Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides information and assistance to all separating or retiring members regarding pre-separation counseling, employment, relocation, and veterans' benefits. Military members and their spouses are encouraged to attend a TAP seminar as soon as possible prior to their scheduled separation or retirement date. See your Command Career Counselor to register.

2002 – 2003 TAP SCHEDULE

April 7 – 11	May 5 - 9
June 2 – 6 (Exec.)	July 7 - 11
August 4 - 8	September 8-12(Exec)
October 6 - 10	

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 27 – MAY 3

As we approach the 30th Annual National Volunteer Week, we ask you to celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local state and national levels. Your support can challenge and encourage the people you represent to commit to volunteer service in the future. Celebrate volunteers – “The Spirit of America!” is the theme for this year’s National Volunteer Week. The Points of Light Foundation, a national organization that promotes volunteerism, has designated “seasons of service” which offer year-round opportunities to volunteer. Each day of service is sponsored by a national organization and focuses on a theme that targets a specific group.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 20
National Youth Service Day: April 11-13
National Volunteer Week: April 27 – May 3

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Fleet and Family Support Center

Fleet and Family Support Center Presents:

Resumix Workshop

15 April
1330 – 1530

Are you interested in government employment with the Department of the Navy but haven't submitted your resume? This workshop may be just what you're looking for. Come prepared with all your work history and training for this hands-on workshop. Follow along with this step by step process through the “Resume Builder” all the way to submission. Seating is limited, so call 874-5330 to register.

Competitive Edge Workshop

17 April
0900 – 1200

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and staff members from ADECCO team up to bring an exciting twist to the Competitive edge Workshop. Not only will you receive valuable information on interviewing and dressing for success, but you will also have the opportunity to apply, interview, and test for employment opportunities with ADECCO staff members on-site. All classes/workshops at the FFSC are free; however, registration is required and seating is limited. Contact Brenda Sherman at 874-5330 or Heather Cline at 874-5077.

Important dates for April:

April 6 Daylight Savings Time Starts

April 11, 1991 UN cease-fire ends Persian Gulf War

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 23 Secretaries Day

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER classes and workshops are free; however, registration is necessary. Call 874-5075 or email us at ffsc@nsams.navy.mil to register.

EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 20th

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